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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Room 103A
Room 103A (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Paul R. Malischke; Sybil R. Better; Rosa J. Garner and Jennifer Rubin
Excused: 3 - Nicole (Nicci) Fite; Maribeth Witzel-Behl and Andrea R. Kaminski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Better, seconded by Rubin, to Approve the Minutes.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [24418](#) Legislative Update

Malischke reported. On Act 115, about the voter canvassing date, Malischke suggested that the majority of the canvassing still occur on Wednesday after the election, with the final votes added on Friday/Monday. The goal is to show the Canvass is immediately responding to the majority of the work after the election.

SB 386

The existence of a high school SRD is no longer required by law, ostensibly because the lack of state-wide SRD registration now makes the work burden too high. Malischke recommended that the office continue to contact the SRDs while the law is still in effect and encourage them to train to be SRDs.

SB 271

Malischke noted that this is on the schedule, perhaps by 03/15/12. This legislation will make it a felony to vote in person if one has already voted absentee.

SB 269

If this legislation passes it will allow poll workers, with the exception of Chief Inspectors, to work anywhere within a county rather than being relegated/limited to their municipality. It was noted this may be paired with a requirement that Wisconsin clerks go to each political party for their pools of county-wide election official choices before their own staffing efforts.

2. [25597](#) Voter ID Injunction

The question was raised, if someone requests an absentee application for the entire year while the injunction is in place, are they free from being required to provide a photo ID?

3. [24999](#) 2012 Summer Elections

We now have dates: May 8 and June 5. The GAB has yet to officially announce the dates.

Malishke suggested that funds be shifted from proposed savings at the polling places (fewer Election Official staff required to check IDs) to the office for additional workers in order to ameliorate the extra demands that will occur as we go through back-to-back elections.

Question for Maribeth: for the June election, based on the lack of students in town, are we planning on closing/consolidating the student polling places?

4. [25000](#) Student Voting

In anticipation that many students will be out of town for the June election, Malischke suggested we have absentee ballot request forms available at the polls, especially the student polling places. There was discussion about whether this is a form of solicitation of voters at the polling place. That would be an issue to consider if absentee applications are brought to the polls.

5. [25595](#) Debriefing of February 21, 2012 Election

Questions: for the 35 who weren't able to vote - what were the reasons? Note: Maribeth's response is that the students lacked proof of residence documents.

Comments from the committee about election day: the new guides were useful, there were quite a few lost voters at Hawthorne because of redistricting, "I Voted Today" stickers were a hit.

NEXT MEETING

Set for 07/11/2012. Setting this date brought up questions for Maribeth regarding MEAC's role. Rubin asked how are MEAC's suggestions useful to the Clerk's office, e.g. does the MEAC report to the Common Council help with budgetary considerations for the office staff. There was also a general question about how the committee's suggestions are used by the City Clerk. Malishke also noted that the committee serves as a public forum. In light of these questions the committee asks Maribeth to consider if MEAC should meet before 07/11/2012.

6. [04353](#) Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.